

Mills walks miles for charity

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The Champion

It would take something powerful to stop Brian Mills from completing the 52-km walk he has his mind set on doing.

The Woodward Avenue man says he doesn't anticipate having any problems when he sets out on his "Walk for Kids" Tuesday.

Rain or shine, Mr. Mills, 42, and friend Don Goshgarian, 47, of Oakville will walk overnight from Beamsville to Oakville to raise money for children's organizations affiliated with the United Way.

"The important thing is to have really good shoes," says the husband and father of two. And that he does, thanks to Milton business The Fitness Technique, which has donated the footwear for the fundraiser.

Other local businesses — Bruce Hood Travel, Copeland Lumber, Tim Horton Donuts, Brancier Jewellers and Don Cherry's — have also made contributions, either by donating essentials for the walk or making pledges.

Aiming to raise \$2,500, the duo — both Halton Region public works employees — will leave Beamsville at midnight and, if all goes according to plan, are expected to complete the journey at 11:30 a.m.

To arrive on schedule, the two will have to keep a pace of four miles an hour, which includes five-minute stops every hour. By 7 a.m., they should be passing Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington.

The excursion ends at Halton Region headquarters on Bronte Road in Oakville.

A Milton resident for six years, Mr. Mills has been in training for a

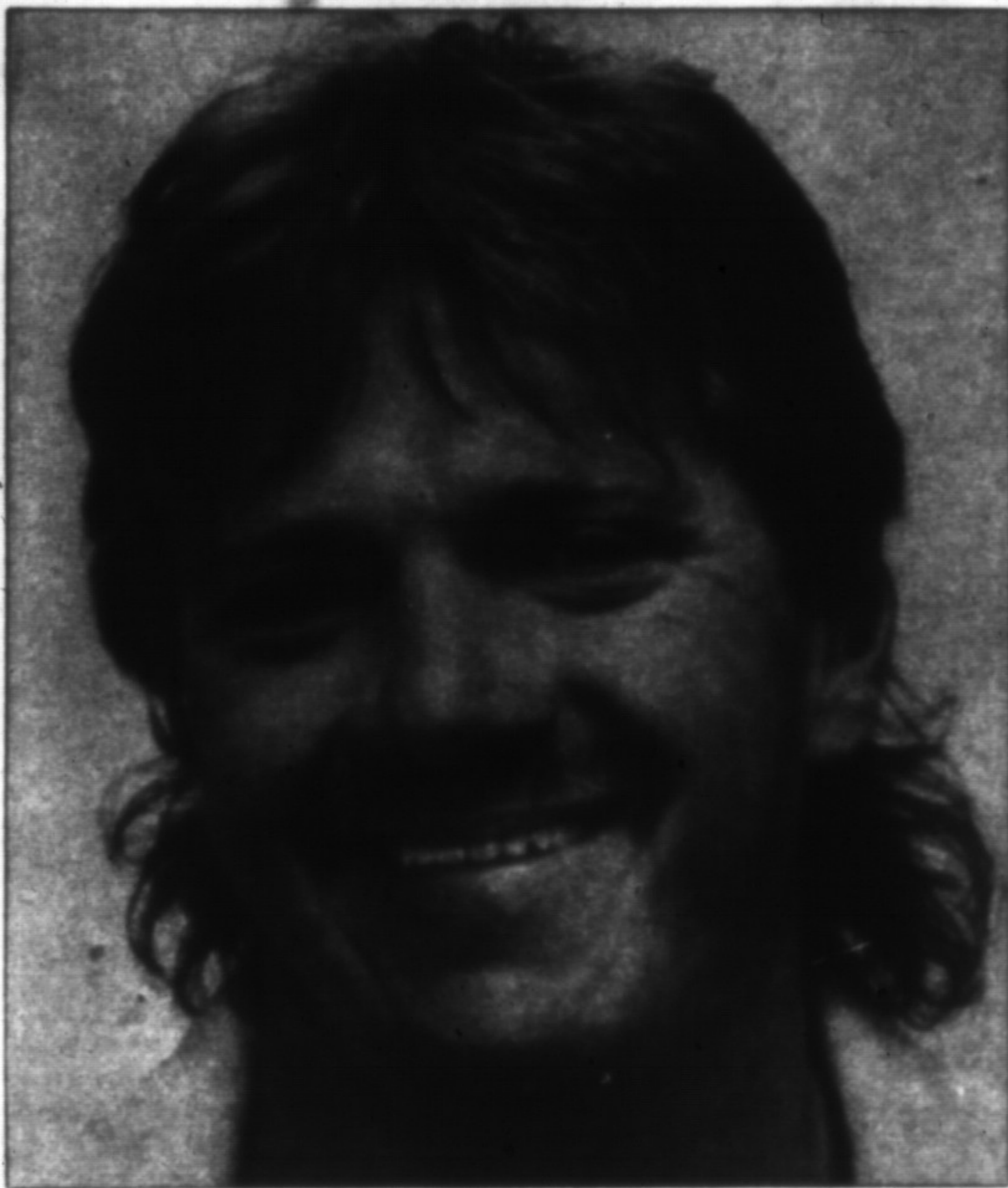


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Milton resident Brian Mills is in training for a 52km walk from Beamsville to Oakville to raise funds for the United Way.

month. He walks 15 km after dinner every night and has dropped 22 pounds. Mr. Goshgarian has lost 30 pounds.

Mr. Mills, who is on the United Way committee at work, says he hopes the walk will become an annual event, with more people taking part next year. Anyone wishing to sponsor Mr. Mills with a donation can contact him at 878-4424.

New understanding for Heritage Milton

Town council and Heritage Milton now have a formal understanding of their roles and Heritage Milton has a new reserve account.

At council Monday, a Heritage Milton mandate and policy were approved. Both were sanctioned by Heritage Milton in June.

Heritage Milton is the short form name of the group aiming to preserve historical architecture in town. Its full title is Heritage Milton-Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC). There are LACAC groups across the province.

The Heritage Milton mandate and policy were requested by council. The mandate sets out the committee's advisory role to council, along with its goal of heritage conservation promotion.

"It is also made clear that the committee reports to council on all matters and will not communicate any position or carry out any undertaking on heritage issues that have not been first endorsed by council," said planning director Mel Iovio's report.

Councillors also agreed the town could open a reserve account for Heritage Milton to hold for its exclusive use, financial contributions, donations, bequests and funds from the sale of donated heritage materials.

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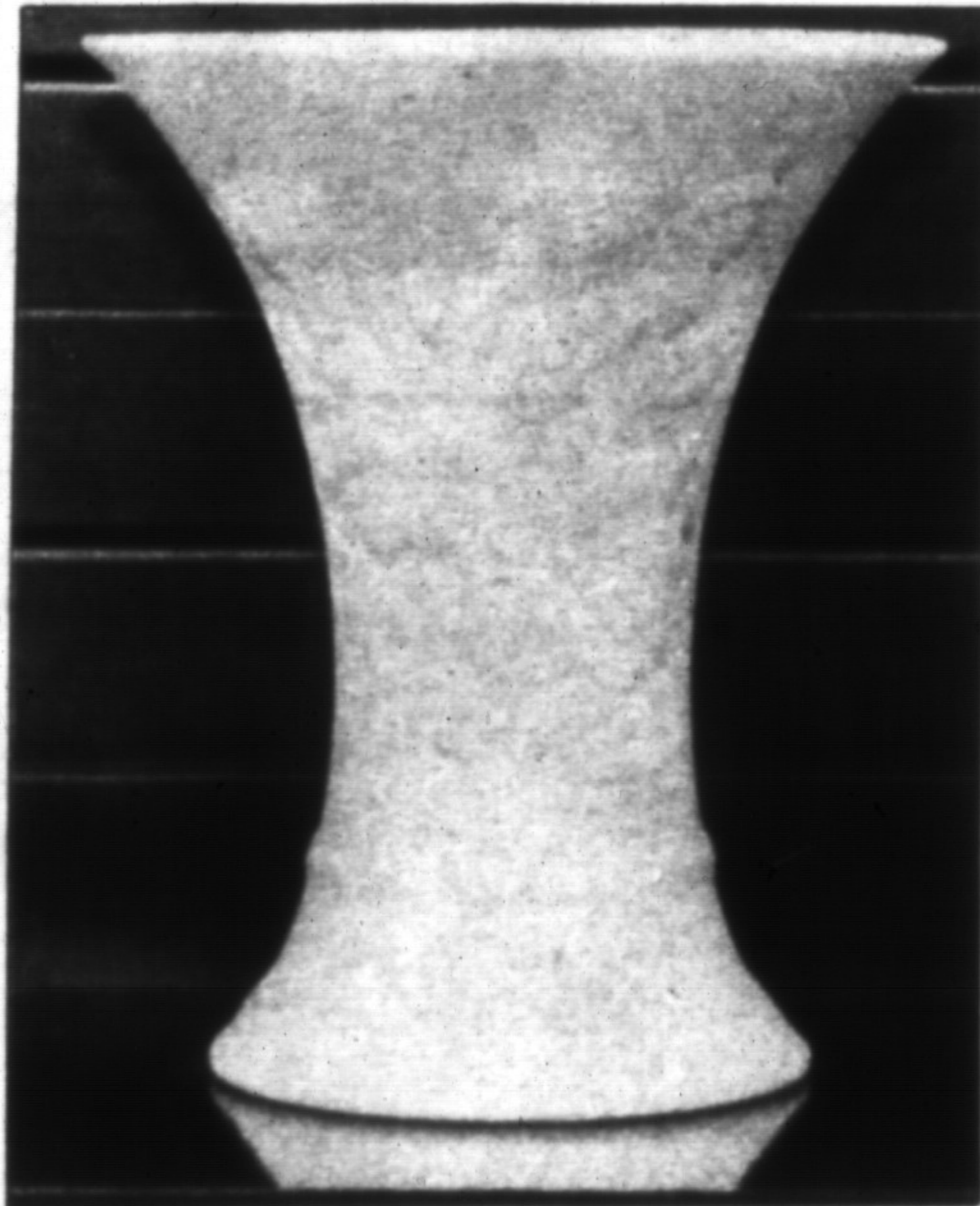


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